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Appl. No.: 10/082,326

Applicant: I. URATANI et al.

For: STORAGE SYSTEM

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 8, 2007, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.